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EDDIE MURPHY STOPPED BY DEPUTIES, TRANSVESITITE PROSTITUTE ARRESTED

WEST HOLLYWOOD, California (AP)—Eddie Murphy said he was just trying to be a nice guy when he picked up a cross-dressing male prostitute as undercover sheriff's deputies looked on.

Murphy was pulled over minutes after the man got into his car Friday morning. The prostitute was arrested on a warrant, but authorities said Murphy had not broken any law.

"It's not the first hooker that I've helped out... I've seen hookers on corners and I'll pull over and they'll go, 'Oh, you're Eddie Murphy, oh my God,' and I'll empty my wallet out to help," Murphy told television's "Entertainment Tonight."

"I'm just being a nice guy," he said.

Murphy was followed for about 2 miles (3 kilometers) by an unmarked sheriff's car that was working in a "prostitution abatement zone," said Lt. Mike Ford, a sheriff's spokesman. At about 10:30 p.m., Murphy was arrested on a prior warrant for prostitution and jailed in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

Marty Singer, Murphy's lawyer, said Murphy did not know that the prostitute was a transvestite. Murphy said he gave the man a lecture about the law while he was in the streets.

The 36-year-old "Beverly Hills Cop" actor said he was shocked at all the fuss in part "because I wasn't arrested."

"It wasn't like we drove to some dark alley and I saw a prostitute. I love my wife and I'm not gay. I'm married with three children. I'm not going to do anything to jeopardize my health."

Murphy vaulted into stardom in the 1980s with a series of hit films including "48 Hours" and the first two "Beverly Hills Cop" movies in which he played a wise-cracking detective.

Last year's "The Nutty Professor" was also a hit, and Murphy is receiving a reported \$17 million for an upcoming remake of "Dr. Doolittle."

In 1995, actor Hugh Grant pleaded no contest to lewd conduct with prostitute Estelle Thompson, also known as Divine Brown. Grant was fined \$1,180 and placed on two years' probation.

WOMEN BENEFITTED FROM AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MORE THAN BLACKS

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP)—White blacks firmed because the new administration was doing away with affirmative action, white women were the ones getting rich from the program, Gov. Mike Foster said Thursday.

"The truth is the programs we had were 80 percent fraud," Foster said. "We benefited a bunch of rich, white women. That's true. The statistics bear that out. We've got no business doing that."

But Foster said when he found out who was getting the money, he told his critics: "They are both millionaires. I don't care if they like it or not."

His comments came at a Rotary Club luncheon when a member asked him if he had fulfilled his campaign pledge to do away with affirmative action.

"But, to the extent we can affect people under our departments, we have pretty well done away with a program based on race and gender. What we've done—and the truth is most of my friends in minority groups are beginning to agree with me—is that government may have a place helping someone, particularly a small business, get in the mainstream, helping them but based on race—not race or gender."

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

NEWARK—They were reflective of the many facets that make up New Jersey, coming from the areas of science, corporate industry, community service, entertainment, and politics. They were considered the best of the best in their profession, be it Gospel songstress Clissy Houston, television personality Tony Brown, or East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper. Some, like the Tuskegee Airman and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Marcelle Harris were regarded as heroes and inspirations to this and future generations, and many are active to this day in securing that future. Thursday evening, tribute was paid to them at the City News Second Annual 100 Most Influential Awards held at the Newark Airport Marriott.

New Jersey's largest African-American weekly newspaper selected one-hundred persons to be recognized for their contributions toward the upward mobility of the New Jersey's African-American community and to the building up of the state's urban area. The nominations were received from the public, former nominees and honorees, sponsoring organizations and from City News staff. The honorees were notified of their award, and the entire roster was kept confidential until the award ceremonies.

Special tributes were set aside for the Tuskegee Airman, who was recognized for changing the course of World War II, and Maj. Gen. Harris, who at her retirement Feb. 9 was the highest ranking African-American female in the military. Clissy Houston, the gospel legend who has captivated audiences for 40 years, and whose daughter Whitney was a honoree last year, and television personality Tony Brown, who has been a popular staple on TV with his informative program about the concerns of the black community, Tony Brown's Journal, were honored with Outstanding Achievement Awards.

The event began with a reception and buffet where the honorees and attendees met for the first time. Afterwards, the festivities moved to the Grand Ballroom where the honorees were hosted by Dr. Henry Johnson, publisher of City News, and his wife, Jan Edgerton Johnson, City News editor. The Malik Haji El Shabbaz High School Color Guard presented the colors for the event and the Invocation was given by Rev. Moses Knox of Imani Baptist Church. David Jefferson of AT&T, the event's co-sponsor, welcomed everyone to the event as did Herb Tate, who in representing Governor Christie Whitman read a letter of praise from her to the City News and the event attendees.

The tributes began with reflections on Maj. Gen. Harris by Jan Johnson, who recalled their trip together to Brussels, Belgium, where the General led a delegation of about 100 top level servicewomen for the NATO Women's Conference. "It was such an experience... to see this woman who looked somewhat like me, and all these wonderful women of high command who are doing a job for this country," she said. An upbeat General Harris said that she and you shut that door when you let someone else control your wants, your will and your mind."

Upon leaving the stage, the Shabbaz High School Guard formed two military-styled columns for her to walk through.

The Tuskegee Airman were honored with a video presentation detailing their accomplishments, and members of the Claude B. Gowan and the Tuskegee Airman came to the stage, also to a standing ovation to receive

CITY NEWS HONORS 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL



Major General (Ret.) Marcelle Harris, the highest decorated female in the US military, stands with members of the famed Tuskegee Airman at the City News' Second Annual 100 Most Influential Awards Ceremony last Thursday. The Airman were members of the Claude B. Gowan Tri-State Chapter and the Hannibal M. "Killer" Cox, Jr. MacGuire Chapter of the Airman, and were being honored along with Gen. Harris during the event. The Airman pictured are Charles E. Washington, George S. Reed, George E. Wananmaker, Thomas Tindell, Donald Lang, Andrew Keyes, Samuel Scott, Calvin J. Spain, Howard L. Bregg, Thomas Highsmith, Clarence Brown, and Edward J. Reese III.



Al Koeppe, senior vice president of PSEG, receives the City News Eagle Award for outstanding community service.



Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Marcelle Harris, left, and Gospel songstress Clissy Houston are all smiles at Thursday's Awards Ceremony.

plagues honoring them. General Harris, who sits on the boards of the Tuskegee Airman Foundation on the East Coast, took the time to pose with the Airman for a picture.

Saying that Tony Brown was "an idol for all of us" when she was in public broadcasting, Mrs. Johnson praised him for his work in journalism, radio, and television in giving him his Outstanding Achievement Award. He also paid homage to the Airman, saying that African-Americans need to replicate them in the form of young men and women for the 21st century. "In our community we are behind other communities," he said. "In the black community, if we had a computer in every home, we will produce a Tuskegee Airman or woman in every home."

"I hope that I have been able to share what I have been given by others, and by doing so teaching them by some song or some words that I've



Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Marcelle Harris, left, and Gospel songstress Clissy Houston are all smiles at Thursday's Awards Ceremony.

said." Clissy Houston remarked to the audience as she received her Outstanding Achievement from Mrs. Johnson, who said she "has provided us with... so much joyful noise." She also relayed well wishes from her daughter Whitney, who could not attend due to prior commitments in Japan.

Dr. Johnson joined his wife on stage to present the 1997 Eagle Award to Al Koeppe, Senior Vice President of Corporate Services and External Affairs at PSEG and who was recognized for contributing highly and unselfishly to the community. "I'm overwhelmed, and I thank you very much," Mr. Koeppe said as he received his award. "I just try to find a spark in people that people found in me."

The 100 Most Influential of 1997 was introduced to the audience with video presentations for each of the twelve categories. The categories were presented by last year's honorees and applause filled the room as each hon-

DEFENSE: POLICE MAY HAVE ARRESTED WRONG MAN IN SCHOOL KILLING

By John Curran
Associated Press Writer

BRIDGETON, N.J. (AP)—The lawyers for a 16-year-old accused in the beating death of a girl whose body was found in a high school locker room said Friday it may be a case of mistaken identity.

But authorities defended the arrest. "We do not believe we have the wrong individual," said Cumberland County Prosecutor Arthur Marchand.

Peter Henriques, 16, of Fairfield Township is accused of killing Nieka Mason, 16, a sophomore at Cumberland Regional High School whose body was found in a boys' locker room shower Monday.

Henriques, a sophomore basketball player at the school, was scheduled to go before Superior Court Judge George Stanger for a first appearance and probable cause hearing Friday.

But his lawyers, who were hired the day before, asked for a postponement. A new hearing was set for Thursday.

Stanger could rule at that time on whether to keep Henriques behind bars and whether the state has probable cause, Marchand said. Marchand expects to file a motion seeking to move Henriques' case to adult court.

His lawyers said Friday they will oppose it.

Henriques, who was not in court, is being held without bail at a juvenile facility.

"The feeling I'm getting at the school is there may be some issue as to whether or not they have the right person," said lawyer Jaime Kaigh. He would not elaborate.

Neighbors and classmates have spoken highly about Henriques since his arrest Thursday night, saying they are shocked he would do such a thing.

Even Mason's father wonders. "Believe it or not, out of remorse, I went and asked the police... 'Are you sure you have the right one?'" said Daniel Mason, the girl's father. "Because it would be real sad if someone else's family had to suffer what I am suffering, losing a child, for no reason," he told The Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Mostly, everybody wants to know why they did it," he said. Henriques' father suffered a heart attack Thursday night, one of the suspect's brothers said Friday. The brother, who came to the front of the family's home to answer a reporter's question, would not say what condition his father was in what hospital.

JULIAN BOND RATES FORMER PRESIDENTS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)—Civil rights activist Julian Bond called former President Dwight Eisenhower "a benign racist" and said his successor, John F. Kennedy, only "reluctantly endorsed" the cause of civil rights.

Bond, a professor at the University of Virginia and American University, spoke Friday at a three-day Civil Rights Summit. He also is the narrator of the PBS series "Eyes on the Prize" and a former Georgia lawmaker.

Ronald Reagan was an "amiable incompetent," but Lyndon Johnson was a man to be admired, Bond said. "Under him, the fabric of legal segregation began to fall down," he said.

Bond said increasing infant-mortality and poverty rates make the need for continuing civil rights action clear. People are working longer hours for less pay, and the gap between America's wealthy and poor is wider than anywhere in the world, he said.

Affirmative action has replaced the Soviet Union as the "evil empire," even among some blacks, but it has been an effective tool and should be preserved, Bond said.

"The critics now say that affirmative action stigmatizes blacks," he said. "But I doubt if there is one white man suffering low self-esteem because race and gender helped him get his job."

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Community Calendar

EVERY SATURDAY

PLAINFIELD—Indoor Flea Market. Downtown area. For more information, call 908-989-2663.

THROUGH MAY 10

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer a preparation course for the NJ Real Estate Salesperson's (Agent) Licensing Examination on Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on the JCSC campus at 2039 Kennedy Blvd. For further information call (201) 200-3039.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

BELLE MEAD—Free Anxiety Disorders Screenings at the Carver Foundation. For more information, call 908-281-1518.

PLAINFIELD—Special luncheon sponsored by the Plainfield Action Services, in observance of National Community Action Week. For more information, call 908-755-3519.

PLAINFIELD—The Union County Division of Aging will conduct a free meeting to discuss available services and programs offered to Elderly Union County Residents. At St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church. For more information, call 908-755-3519.

EDISON—New Jersey National College Fair at the New Jersey Exposition Center. For more information, call 609-256-4200.

WAYNE—13th annual Abram Katch/Thomas Jefferson Lecture at William Paterson College. For more information, call 201-585-2288.

FORT LEE—Three-part lecture series, "Power Lines—How to Communicate with Power and Precision" at Morris Communications. For more information, call 201-224-5578.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

NEWARK—Sales and Marketing Seminar in Snow Room of Building 79, Newark Int'l Airport. For more information, call 201-961-4278.

CRANFORD—Flea Market at Union County College. For more information, call 908-709-7505.

MORRISTOWN—Seminar on Behavioral Assessment and Treatment of the Child with ADHD, at the Governor Morris Hotel. For more information, call 201-678-7770.

PISCATAWAY—12th Annual celebration of Special Education Week at the new Middlesex County Educational Services Commission, Raritan Valley campus. For more information, call 609-278-5202.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Two Hundred Club of Union County's Annual Spring Valor Awards Luncheon will be held at L'Afrique Restaurant. For more information, call 908-322-2422.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

ELIZABETH—NAACP Newark Chapter will host it's annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Jetport. For more information, call 201-624-6400.

NEW YORK—Children's Workshops, "Mirror Magic" at the Sony Wonder Technology Lab. For more information, call 212-833-9100.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

NEW YORK—Family Day at the Sony Wonder Technology Lab. For more information, call 212-833-7858.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

EDISON—JFK Medical Center offering the "I Can Cope" educational series, a four week program for cancer patients, their families, and friends. For more information, call 908-321-7769.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

PLAINFIELD—Blood Drive at The Arc of Union County's Adult Medical Day Care Center. For more information, call 908-754-8117.

FORT LEE—Three-part lecture series, "Power Lines—How to Communicate with Power and Precision" at Morris Communications. For more information, call 201-224-5578.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

EDISON—Free seminar on AIDS at Middlesex County College. For more information, call 908-548-6000.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

WHITE PLAINS, NY—The Volunteer Center announces their 5th Annual Human Race (a 5k walk-a-thon) at White Plains High School. For more information please call (914) 948-4452.

CRANFORD—20th annual Flea Market sponsored by Union County College's Alumni Association. For more information, call 908-709-7505.

PLAINFIELD—Food and Clothing for the Homeless/Needy at the Muhammad's Mosque #80. For more information, call 908-754-3272.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

EDISON—Free seminar on AIDS at Middlesex County College. For more information, call 908-548-6000.

Raritan Valley Links honor African-American Women of Distinction



Honorees left to right are Dr. Vera King Farris, Marilyn "Penny" Jones, and Barbara Kelley-Sease

On Sunday, April 27, 1997, more than 500 people gathered at the Brunswick Hilton and Towers, East Brunswick, New Jersey to participate in the Raritan Valley Chapter Links Jazz Brunch where four African-American Women of Distinction were honored by receiving the chapter's Luminous Award for community service.

The honorees included: Barbara Kelley-Sease, Director of the Children's Defense Fund's Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) in Washington, D.C., Dr. Vera King Farris, President of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona,

New Jersey, and Marilyn "Penny" Jones, the Director and Assistant General Manager of Matsushita Electric Corporation of America's Corporate Contribution Department. Music was provided by the Bradford Hayes Quartet. Gayle Thigpen-Allen served as event Chairperson, Claire Davis was Co-Chair and Joan Davis is the chapter president.

Proceeds from the Jazz Brunch go toward the Chapter's scholarship fund which now includes more than 30 recipients, to a Youth Conference for middle school youth and to other designated community endeavors.

'Employees of the Month' save life



From left, County Manager Ann Baran, Correction Officers Rudy Zurick and Reginald Davis, Correctional Services Assistant Director Dorothy Williams, and Union County Freshwater Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan.

In early January of this year, Correction Officers Rudy Zurick and Reginald Davis responded to the sounds of someone gagging as if he was choking. When they reached the

cell the sounds were coming from, they observed an inmate holding his throat, choking, and observed the small end of a spoon in the inmate's mouth, deep down towards the back of his throat, and Officer Zurick, called Officer Davis' help, reached in and pulled out the spoon, saving the inmate's life.

For their efforts, they were both selected as "Employee of the Month" of March. The quick response of these two fine officers did indeed save the inmate's life, and their decisive and courageous actions, with disregard for their own safety, personifies the professionalism and dedication of the greater majority of our correction officers," said Freshwater Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan, who presented a resolution to the officers on behalf of Freshwater Chairman Linda Sieder and the entire Freshwater Board. "It makes me proud to have such fine people working in our jail, knowing they have the compassion to reach out and help someone in need."

Union County Manager Ann Baran also applauded the officers' ability to professionally handle an emergency situation, presenting them with certificates of appreciation. "Their efforts may not make the six o'clock news, but we in County Government are grateful that we have the caliber of officer on our staff that rises to an extreme situation as this," she said.

Each Union County employee designated as "Employee of the Month" also receives a day off with pay.



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Weekly Horoscope

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Keeping secrets won't get you far this week. Your information could make or break a situation, so don't withhold what you know. There is a career move in your future, but it will be quite a large step to take, so embark with caution and optimism.

TAURUS: (April 21-May 21)

You have a chance to create a solid foundation for future security. Be careful to avoid getting caught up in getting ahead at the expense of your peace of mind or creating havoc within your family. Don't jump to conclusions with romance, take it a step at a time.

GEMINI: (May 22-June 21)

Make sure to not commit yourself to something that may stifle and hold you back. Don't stall in your decisions, just say you are not ready and leave it at that. There seems to be some tension between you and your mate, when you kiss and make up, talk honestly.

CANCER: (June 22-July 23)

You seem to have a restless sort of irritability, which may just get you into trouble. It's important to keep your anger in check or you may find yourself cutting off those who are most important to you. Your current romantic partner may surprise you with lots of attention.

LEO: (July 24-August 23)

You are doing a great job making finances stretch to their limit, but enough is enough, and something has got to go. If you have the authority to make the cut, go for it. Changes at work may have you feeling like you have been overlooked, but that is far from true.

VIRGO: (August 24-September 23)

A recent investment may prove much more lucrative than you ever expected, but getting out early may be such a bad idea. Be sure to take care of all the details though, however insignificant they may be. If you are feeling unmotivated, find a way to psyche yourself up.

LIBRA: (September 24-October 23)

Probably your funds to the best of your abilities, you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with. Any home repairs now will jiggle the county to the best of your abilities, you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with. Any home repairs now will jiggle the county to the best of your abilities, you might consider consolidating your debts so you have only one payment to deal with.

SCORPIO: (October 24-November 22)

Your intuitive hunches are right on, so don't justify them away. Emotions which have been held in check for some time need to be unleashed now. Allow yourself to express what you feel inside, striving to maintain a sense of proportion—things aren't so bad.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23-December 21)

Any risks concerning money this week will be well worth the effort. It is there someone trying to hold you back under the false impression that it is for your own good? It's time to make those decisions on your own. If you are being manipulated by another, it's time to go it alone.

CAPRICORN: (December 22-January 20)

This week your passions may get the best of you and anger your mate. If you are, at the very least, aware of this possibility, it can probably forestall any unpleasantness. If stress has gotten you down, take time for a rather childlike activity, helping you to relax.

AQUARIUS: (January 21-February 19)

Rethink the reasons for your motivation in the workplace—you may need some alterations to previous plans. Listen to your inner voice for suggestions. Do the right thing when watching out for others, especially family members. What is it you really want out of life, and how are you going to get it?

PISCES: (February 20-March 20)

Someone needs to smooth out the rough patches created by an argument, and you are best suited for the job. Following the rules may make you seem cold-hearted, so have a little compassion for those around you. Don't keep any secrets if the information can be well used.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It's a good time to discuss any emotional issues with a significant other. Clear the air of any obstacles, and you may be quite surprised at how easily the conversation flows. Now that the lines of communication are open, make every effort to keep them this way.

"Spring Extravaganza" Fashion Show on May 14 to benefit women's services at Cathedral Healthcare System



NEWARK—Members of Saint Michael's Medical Center's Auxiliary make plans for their 2nd annual "Spring Extravaganza Fashion Show," to be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Pictured (seated, from left) are Maria Pinho, Janet Sent, Diana Amato, Joanna Losman, and Rachael Schragger; and (standing, from left) Antoinette Jones, Georgetown Bush, Jessica Morse, Heidi Uzenski, Kathleen Mathieu, Sharon Jamil, and Anne McDarby. The show will feature spring fashions from The Garment District, a shopping boutique and raffish for cash and beautiful prizes. Dinner and dessert are also included. Tickets are \$40 each and all proceeds will benefit women's health services at Cathedral Healthcare System. To purchase tickets and for more information call the Cathedral Foundation at (201) 690-5582.

Open House at JCSC



Dr. Carlos Hernandez, left, president of Jersey City State College, greeted Irvington residents Isha Greene, center, a student at Central High School in Newark, her sister, Shakera Greene, right, and her parents Patricia and Ernest Greene, at JCSC's "Open House 1997: Discover it for yourself." The day-long event featured campus tours, a student activities media presentation, and information seminars on admissions, scholarships, student services, financial aid, academic and athletics programs, facilities, and cooperative education.

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FARRAKHAN PLOTTED INDICTMENT AGAINST MALCOLM X DAUGHTER

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—An indictment against a daughter of slain black activist Malcolm X has been dismissed, two years after she reached a deal to avoid trial in a murder-for-hire plot to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Minnesota District Judge James Rosenbaum signed the order Thursday, quietly concluding an agreement reached May 1, 1995, in which charges against Qubilah Shabazz were deferred for two years.

Shabazz was charged with plotting to hire a hit man to kill Farrakhan, the controversial head of the urban group Nation of Islam. On the day the trial was to start, the government agreed to drop charges against her if she underwent chemical dependency treatment and committed no crimes.

Shabazz signed an affidavit saying she accepted responsibility for her conduct but maintained her innocence. Shabazz was 4 when she and her three sisters accompanied their pregnant mother to New York City's Audubon Ballroom on Feb. 21, 1965, to hear Malcolm X speak. He was shot and killed as they left the room.

Three people with ties to the Nation of Islam eventually were convicted in the assassination.

Farrakhan denied being involved but conceded that he had anti-Malcolm X sentiment. He has said he believes Shabazz was set up by the government.

Shabazz, 36, works at a radio station in Texas, where she is a regular contributor to a radio show with Larry Levelenthal, one of her attorneys.

HOMELESS MAN SUES SUPERMARKET CHAIN

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—A homeless man is suing a supermarket chain and two employees he accuses of beating him up when he tried to retrieve bottles and cans from a recycling trash bin.

In a federal lawsuit seeking \$7 million in damages, 60-year-old Willie Moore alleges the employees pinned him inside the recycling bin behind the Wegmans Food Market store on the night of Dec. 19 and repeatedly slammed the lid on his head, arms and hands.

Moore, who is blind, also accused Chieffo and Jim Treseman of hurling racial abuse at him and ignoring repeated requests by Rochester firefighters to stop their assault and free him.

Wegmans maintains that one of the employees closed the lid because he feared Moore was armed and dangerous and wanted to ensure that he would not escape before police arrived.

A firefighter, Lt. Frank Lobene, said he was alarmed at the store employees' behavior.

"This homeless man, 60 years old, looking for cans so he can get something to eat, was treated like an animal. This was just uncalled for," Lobene said in a statement to police that was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

The supermarket chain later charged Moore with attempted petit larceny for allegedly trying to steal bottles and cans from their property.

The lawsuit filed this week in U.S. District Court counters that Dukko, the store's night manager, lodged charges against Moore to justify his and his fellow employee's action.

OPRAH WINFREY CANCELS RODMAN APPEARANCE

NEW YORK (AP)—Talk show host Oprah Winfrey has dropped basketball ball by Dennis Rodman from her show because his new book is too risqué.

Winfrey spokeswoman Connie St. John said Tuesday that Rodman's appearance was canceled after learning of the content in new book, "Walk on the Wild Side." A planned taping was canceled, she said.

"After reviewing Dennis Rodman's new book, we decided it would be inappropriate to promote it to our viewers," Winfrey's program said in a statement.

In his obscenity-laced tome, the Chicago Bulls star Rodman claims that he once had an affair with a transsexual, dates mostly white women because black women ignored him before he became a star, and plans to change his name legally to "O'Grady."

Responding to Madonna's anger that Rodman revealed intimacies of an affair the two had years ago, he apologizes but adds, "We're not exactly talking about the Virgin Mary here." The book "isn't for everyone," conceded Carole Baron, the president of Dell, who published the book. "But Rodman's fans will love it."

Hope, pride mark fifth anniversary of Los Angeles riots

By Robert Jablon
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There was hope and pride in South Central Los Angeles, five years to the day after the area erupted in rage and flames following the acquittal of four policemen in the first Rodney King beating trial.

Community leaders on Tuesday unveiled the site of a new supermarket as proof of their efforts to replace some of the more than 1,000 buildings destroyed in the three days of looting and violence that left 55 dead.

"It's the fastest rebound of any urban civil disturbance in the nation... and yet, in my view, it's still too slow," said City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas, whose inner city district suffered 100 million worth of damage.

It's tough, methodical, tedious work to rebuild a community."

As he spoke, crews prepared to demolish a shopping center on south Western Avenue that was looted and destroyed in the riot.

The \$10 million Superior Warehouse—one of five supermarket

rebuilt or under construction in the area—will open in its place this year and provide 150 jobs, Ridley-Thomas said.

Let the demolition begin!—Newark Housing Authority (NHA) chairman Rolando Velazquez (left photo), NHA Executive Director Harold

Lucas, Newark Mayor Sharpe James and Ron Licwian, president, of

Blanford Land Clearing Corp. give the sign to workers to start work on the

historic activity of the NHA's Archbishop Walsh Homes (April 24). The NHA

(right photo) used a 200-ton American crane with a 130-foot boom and a

600-pound wrecking ball to collapse Building #9, the first of six

buildings scheduled for demolition on the north side of the 44-year-old

complex located in the city's North Ward. 198 new townhouse units will

be built on the north side of the complex under HUD's HOPE VI Urban

Rejuvenation Demonstration program which awarded a \$50 million

grant to the NHA to revitalize the complex.

NBHF Submits Genocide Petitions and Indictment

Complaint to United Nations in Geneva and New York

CHICAGO—During the week of May 20, 1997, Dr. Conrad Worrill, chairman of the National Black United Front (NBUF), will travel to Geneva, Switzerland, to present the Preliminary Indictment/Complaint to several bodies of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

Bob Brown, co-publisher and CEO of Pan African Forum will accompany Dr. Worrill, then return to the United States and present the Petitions/Declaration of Genocide by the U.S. Government against the Black Population in the United States to U.N. Secretary General Kofi A. Annan during a requested appointment on May 27.

The declaration, which charges the U.S. government with committing genocide against and violating the human rights of 40 million people of African descent in the United States, has garnered the signatures and support from non-governmental and community-based organizations, attorneys, professionals, and individuals—nationally and internationally.

Moreover, a Preliminary Indictment/Complaint entitled, "We Charge the United States Government and its Consortium with Violating the Human Rights of, and Committing Genocide Against 40 Million People of African Descent in the United States, and Five Billion Other Oppressed People Worldwide" will accompany the petition/declaration. This preliminary indictment/complaint will outline more than 38 areas of human rights violations by the United States government against African people, which include: (1) cutting back on welfare; (2) privatization of public housing and land grab schemes; (3) privatization of public education; (4) racist immigration policies; (5) privatization of basic

"We want for our area what other people have in their areas," said Ann Jackson, 23, who lives in the district and sits on a citizen advisory panel that meets with Ridley-Thomas.

Elsewhere in South Central, the African-American Unity Center held its annual April 29 commemoration of the rioting. Under a balloon arch, the

center held ceremonies for 80 graduates of its free and highly successful job training classes.

"It shows us where we come from, where we are now and where we must now go," said Jarvis Stewart, the center's resource developer and program manager. "And in order to do that, sometimes we have to reflect on

the negative."

The organization, which was six months old when the rioting hit, has given away \$4.2 million worth of furniture and fed and clothed over 500,000 people, Stewart said.

Stewart said the South Central community still suffers from discrimination, poverty and crime, while

progress in revitalizing blighted areas is slow.

"We didn't wake up one morning and unemployment was at 17, 18, 19 percent. And it will not be down to 1 or 2 percent overnight," he said.

"I'm extremely optimistic," he added. "Because optimism, I think, has gotten us this far."

Clinton will apologize to blacks denied care in syphilis study

By Sonya Ross
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bill Clinton will extend an official apology later this month to eight Alabama men who were among 399 poor blacks denied treatment for syphilis as part of a government study.

The president will issue formal apologies May 16 to the living participants in the Tuskegee Syphilis Study during a ceremony with Vice President Al Gore and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, presidential spokesman Mike

McCurry said Thursday.

"It was absolutely reprehensible what occurred, and that's the reason why the president will apologize," McCurry said. "It's not merely a gesture, not only to the victims of the study itself, but to their families and survivors."

It is not clear whether the men will be with him to receive it.

All are frail. Their ages ranged from 87 to 109. They had hoped the president would apologize in Macon County, Alabama, where the study was conducted, to underscore the symbolism of his act and his sensitivity to their health.

The White House said Clinton's schedule can't accommodate a trip to Alabama.

The White House was not certain Thursday how many of the survivors would attend. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will pay travel expenses, McCurry said. Such an offer is rare for White House ceremonies.

In the study, the Public Health Service withheld treatment from 399 black men between 1932 and 1972 to study how syphilis spread and how it killed.

The men, recruited at area churches on the promise of free medical care, were not told they had the disease and 118 years were denied penicillin, the standard treatment since 1947. About 201 men who did not have syphilis served as the study's control group.

By the time the study became public, in a 1972 article by The Associated Press, 28 men had died of syphilis, about 100 had died of syphilis-related complications, 40 wives had been infected and 19 children contracted the disease at birth.

Exposure of the study forced changes in government research practices. But it also prompted mistrust of government among black Americans.

A class-action lawsuit was settled out of court, and the government has paid roughly \$10 million to victims and their heirs since 1973. Further compensation is unlikely, McCurry said.

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EDITORIAL

Congratulation honorees for setting the standard

This past Thursday, City News had the pleasure of honoring the City News 100 Most Influential, men and women from throughout the state who, in one way or another, impact on their community or urban communities in general.

In addition, the Tuskegee Airmen who belong to the Hannibal "Killer" Cox Chapter and the Claude B. Govan Chapter, Tony Brown, radio talk show host, Cissy Houston, a consummate singer and community builder, received special recognition for their contributions to excellence. Al Koepp, senior vice president at PSE&G received the Eagle Award for taking a special leadership role in corporate community social responsibility.

Each of the individuals honored helped to make life a little better in our urban communities and contribute to building the spirit of community. We are proud to be a part of their history as we move into a new millennium. Perhaps, one of the most important feelings one gets, after the evening, is a sense of love and realization of the quality of the 100 honorees and their sense of commitment. As we position our urban centers to move forward, it is nice to know that there are people who are a part of building a better community.

Our goal is to expand the pool of community builders and help to reach a new understanding in our urban communities. We must become more aggressive in creating activities that encourage every citizen to be accountable for helping to build the community, without excuses for race, ethnic group, religious group or economic level.

Part II

Louis Farrakhan and the white conservatives

By Dr. Manning Marable

Farrakhan's recent controversial meeting with white conservatives in Boca Raton, Florida, highlights the growing gulf between the two groups. For example, Farrakhan has publicly denounced anti-Semitism on many occasions, yet virtually no one acknowledges his self-criticism. At a February 3, 1994 news conference, the Minister declared: "I denounce anti-Semitism in all its forms and manifestations. . . . If I believed that I were an anti-Semite, meaning somebody who hates somebody simply because of their faith, I would be unfit to call myself a servant of God." Nevertheless, critics such as Abraham Foxman of the Anti-Defamation League permanently branded Farrakhan a hopeless bigot.

From Farrakhan's point of view he had to find a way to establish a dialogue with prominent white leaders in order to escape the charges of anti-Semitism and ethnic intolerance. As Farrakhan explained in a television interview on March 30, 1997, "How can you change me (and) understand me" if public officials and Jewish leaders refuse to talk to him. Farrakhan added "This is not talk policy is irrational, nonsensical and inappropriate if we wish to solve the racial divide."

Farrakhan quietly held a meeting with Edgar Bronfman, the president of Seagram's liquor and the World Jewish Congress, in the spring of 1996. When the media leaked this information, Bronfman was pressured to denounce Farrakhan as "the incarnation of evil." When Jack Kemp praised the meeting by Farrakhan renouncing anti-Semitism he was quickly forced to backpedal.

The one public figure within the white conservative establishment who was intrigued with a potential dialogue with Farrakhan was Jude Wanniski, economic adviser to former

President Reagan and former Vice-Presidential candidate Jack Kemp. Wanniski and Louis Farrakhan dined at Wanniski to dinner at his Chicago home, and the two engaged in a lively five-hour conversation. Wanniski had become convinced that Farrakhan could be converted into a moderate Republican—the bankrupt idea that one could drastically cut taxes and at the same time actually raise government revenues. Wanniski later declared that Farrakhan was such a willing convert to supply-side economic theory "that he drank it in as if he had just come upon an oasis in the desert."

Wanniski reassured Farrakhan that he understood "that Jewish leaders fear he could lead the black electorate away from the Democratic Party and into opposition of support for Israel." As the two men defined common economic and political ground, Wanniski decided to extend an invitation to Farrakhan to attend his Boca Raton conference.

In a public letter to Abraham Foxman, Wanniski wrote that Farrakhan had expressed the belief at the Boca Raton conference that he "knew he must come to terms with the Jewish people." Wanniski said "Farrakhan also understood that 'the ADL will be the very last to come aboard, as (his) organization is the most uncompromising—watchdog on the lookout for threats to the Jewish community.'"

Wanniski's efforts failed to impress most white political leaders and the media. Opinion journalists, from *The Nation* to *The New Republic*, denounced Wanniski and Farrakhan. An editorial in *William Buckley's* magazine *The National Review* (April 21, 1997, issue) declared that Farrakhan was "a fraud who rakes in millions from poor people whom he has deluded into thinking they are contributing to black economic development. And he espouses a sort of inverted nationalism which feeds on the alienation of black Americans from their country." *The New Republic* questioned whether Farrakhan was a "conservative." He may know some of the words, but he is singing them to a different tune.

From the vantage point of black America we must ask ourselves where is Farrakhan going? Clearly he is seeking acceptance in the corridors of power. Nevertheless, his economic and social philosophy embraces the worst features of Reagan and Dole's reactionary agenda. Farrakhan is a black nationalist who lacks the radical proponent of a Malcolm X. If Farrakhan's budding relationship with white Republican conservatives develops into a permanent alliance, the real interests of black working class and poor people will be sacrificed.

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By Kai A. Niyonzo

As "Mother's Day" approaches, I want you all to recognize that everyday is a Mother's day. Women are classed as second-class citizens, classed as the physical rib of a man, classed as things other than women of all races. Women are the MOTHERS OF CIVILIZATION. From our womb comes forth MEN and WOMEN. Women must be respected and protected because when you disrespect the woman, you're disrespecting yourself and your Nation.

Sisters, as the Mother of Civilization, it is important to the RISE of our Nation that you demand the respect that you deserve. "Black women do teach their daughters that respect is not given to women by men, but that

Black women carry in themselves the highest possible level of self-respect that command respect from men and women of all races." [pg. 289 *Isis Papers* by Dr. Frances C. Welsh]

Take a stand against the man (or anyone) who abuses you mentally, emotionally or physically. Love and respect yourself and take your jewels guarded. As a child's first teacher we must be more conscious of the way we raise our children, what we teach our children.

Finally, Black women can teach their daughters that they can change the tide of Black destiny by only giving their most intimate pleasures to the providers who also prove themselves as warriors against all enemies of the Black collective. [pg. 289 *Isis Papers*]

The Hon. Elijah Muhammad

Volunteering, Republican style

By Congressman Jesse Jackson.

If you are a middle or upper class American who annually welcomes and appreciates the deductions for mortgage payments that you can take on your federal income tax filings, all that is about to change. The Republicans now have a bill working its way through Congress, H.R. 2, which would require that you volunteer eight hours per month of community service in order to qualify for the mortgage deduction. In the current atmosphere of belt-tightening, and in order to balance the budget, the federal government can no longer afford the \$87 billion that these mortgage deductions cost. If you do not volunteer, you will not be entitled to the home mortgage tax deduction and you will be evicted from your home. This is the essence of the new volunteerism, Republican style.

Most of what I just told you is true, except that it applies only to poor people. The total amount for federal low-income housing assistance is \$2.1 billion compared to the \$87 billion for the middle and upper class tax break, and the eight hours of monthly mandatory volunteerism, or be evicted, applies only to poor people who live in public housing.

Believe poor people should work, want to work and will work if there are enough jobs paying adequate wages. Poor people do not have to be whipped to work. About four years ago in Chicago, the new Sheraton Hotel advertised the availability of 1,000 new jobs. In the middle of a typical Chicago winter and snow storm, nearly 100 people showed up and stood in the cold to fill out applications for those 1,000 jobs. The Congress just passed and President Clinton signed a welfare-to-work law, which underlying assumption is full employment. But there are currently not enough jobs for everyone. If we create the jobs, the people will come.

If full employment is really the issue, however, why do we have Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal

Reserve Board, get nervous every time unemployment begins to reach the poor and raise interest rates, which slows job creation. He views full employment as a threat, a creator of inflation. In light of these economic policies, we must ask: "Do we really want the poor to work, or do we just want to beat up on them?"

H.R. 2, to be debated and voted on next week by the full House, is a fundamental change in the concept of the underlying premises and principles of the Housing Law of 1937. Then, President Franklin D. Roosevelt argued that housing was, a human right to which everyone is entitled. President Roosevelt argued that if the private market could not provide enough safe, sanitary and affordable housing for all Americans, then the government had a moral obligation to provide such shelter for the less fortunate. This Republican bill (supported by some conservative Democrats) denies that shelter is a human right and argues that it is a privilege, for which poor people must work eight un compensated hours per month in exchange for living in public housing or, if they don't, be evicted.

Webster defines volunteerism as "proceeding from the will or from one's own choice or consent, unconstrained by incentives self-determination and defines volunteerism as "the principle of doing something by or relying on voluntary action; a theory that conceives will to be the dominant factor in experience." In the words "H.R. 2 is again will and self-determination."

The first contradiction presented by this bill is the oxymoron of "mandatory volunteerism." My colleagues will argue that requiring work as a condition of living in public housing is not involuntary servitude or slavery because people are free not to live in public housing. In a technical legal sense, of course, that is true. That is, there is no physical compulsion, however, the first is semantic. In light of the Colin Powell suppliant elevating a sound concept, "volunteerism," why refer to such a "mandatory condition" as "voluntary." Why give volunteerism a bad name? Why not call it what it is,

teaches us that 75% of the work of building up the Nation is with the women. Liked the Earth is composed of 75% water (water = life). 75% of the work is to be done by us. This equation leaves 25% of the work with the Black Man. [25% representing the land mass of the Earth. 75% represents the water]. So, in REALITY, anatomy of us say, "A Woman's work is never done."

In *Chosen Vessels* by Rebecca F. Osaigboye, page 54 it reads, "For some reason, God chose women to meet our life's strategy against Satan. Mothers have been given a special assignment to be used of God against Satan. They are chosen vessels."

On page 57 of this same book it reads, "...women have been mandated to influence their children and others to live lives dependent upon God...It is very important to understand that Satan not only hates

women, but he dislikes the authority they have over him. He fears the women. Liked the Earth is composed of 75% water (water = life). 75% of the work is to be done by us. This equation leaves 25% of the work with the Black Man. [25% representing the land mass of the Earth. 75% represents the water]. So, in REALITY, anatomy of us say, "A Woman's work is never done."

On page 60 it reads, "Women are extremely loved of God. They have tremendously important purposes to fulfill in our communities and this world. They have the potential to be powerful keys in the hands of God..."

So my dear sisters, Mothers of Civilization, take your proper place under the Sun and go to work to uplift a fallen humanity. Begin with yourself, your family, and your community. If we all work together for the common good of the whole, on a conscious level, then we will be step closer to liberation.

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a mandatory condition for living in public housing. The second concern is practical. While Section 105 of H.R. 2 technically legal, where will the poor go if they are evicted from public housing? Will they join the ranks of a growing homeless community on the streets of America? Will they move in with friends or relatives, added to those already living in overcrowded and unsafe circumstances? Will they real alternatives of the poor if they are evicted from public housing?

If we mandate volunteerism in exchange for government assistance in the form of public housing, why not require the same from those who receive any form of federal assistance, farm subsidies, corporate welfare, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, WIC, Food Stamps, mortgage deductions or raising rights? Why stop with the poor living in public housing? Are public housing residents being denied equal protection under the law?

In my view, forced uncompensated labor violates the spirit of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Section 1 says, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." The 13th Amendment was ratified on December 18, 1865 to end slavery in this country. According to our Constitution, we cannot compel a person to work even one iota of a minute without compensation. The only Constitutional exception to involuntary servitude is "punishment for crime," and even there the party shall have been duly convicted, that is, given due process." However, being poor is not a crime!

What Section 105 does is require mandatory work without compensation. Thus, millions of people living in public housing will be forced to work millions of hours against their will without compensation. Under this requirement, will picking cotton qualify?

Section 105 will have the unintended consequence of displacing

thousands of low wage workers. What we are describing, in actuality, is involuntary servitude, which violates the spirit of the 13th Amendment. The party of Lincoln is sponsoring a bill that would not have been signed in 1865.

Obviously, someone must monitor or administer such a law to determine who is and who is not doing eight hours of acceptable volunteer work each month. Who will administer money to cover these costs. Republicans, in the recent past, have called such laws "unfunded mandates." In this case, they conveniently avoid acknowledging this impossible financial burden on public housing authorities.

Let's put housing in America in perspective. In the late 1960s, a White House Conference on Housing called for 26 million new housing starts over the next 10 years, with 5 million federally subsidized. That translated into 2.6 million each year, with 600,000 federally subsidized over ten years. The nation has never even approximated that goal, surpassing 2 million housing starts only once in the last 30 years. Currently, we are slightly over 1.5 million in new housing starts, and the population has grown. So the affordable housing crisis is worse today than it was three decades ago. We now need even more housing. We need a nation of enormous national wealth that is tragically suffering from an anemia of political will to do what we know is just.

Let's offer four amendments to H.R. 2 to make it a more humane bill. Only one passed, which clarified an exemption for the elderly, the disabled, students and those already working, training or fulfilling other workfare programs. It is ironic to me, the 91st African American ever elected to Congress (out of a total of 11,587 Americans who have served), that the first amendments I ever offered in the banking committee were based upon violating the spirit of the 13th Amendment, which outlawed work without compensation, involuntary servitude and slavery.

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Serving the African American community for 13 years

By Herbert L. White

Today's urbanized South is prosperous, but its legacy of poverty is deeply rooted among rural African-Americans communities, according to a recent report.

Researchers Ronald Wimberly, a North Carolina State University professor and Libby Morris, a University of Georgia professor, document that the South has 53 percent of the country's Black population as well as 57 percent of the nation's poor African-Americans. Poverty is particularly acute in the "Black Belt," a 622-county crescent that runs from Virginia through the Carolinas and into east Texas. The "Black Belt" represents 18-20 percent of the U.S. population—almost as much as the urban northeast. But, poverty in the "Black Belt" also exceeds that of any other region except the South as a whole.

"Many recognize that race and rural poverty, but what we do lack is a track of the importance of the region," Wimberly said. "And the South is where all these things—race, region and rural—come together."

"Severely depressed in this country, the poor conditions in the South have been recognized, during the Depression and the War on Poverty in the 1960s, but attention has dropped off. Too often, national studies make it seem that impoverished conditions including poor rural conditions, are

spread rather evenly throughout the United States. They are not. In the effort to eliminate poverty and improve educational attainment, the South loses by great distances relative to other major U.S. regions."

The South, which has 34 percent of the U.S. population, has 45 percent of America's non-metropolitan people and 55 percent of non-city dwellers living in poverty, according to the Census data. In terms of employment, 6.3 percent of Southerners are without jobs, the same as the national average. But the study cautions that poor and rural underemployment coupled with the nation's largest population base translates into up to as many as one million more unemployed there as in any other region.

Regardless of region, in nearly every category, data shows that whites are better off than Blacks and metropolitan residents are better off than people living in rural areas. A lack of education was also noted as a factor. Fifty-three percent of African-Americans living in the "Black Belt" non-metropolitan areas do not have a high school diploma, compared to 25 percent for the rest of the population.

The numbers on African-American poverty point out the severity of facing Blacks in the South, said Alton Thompson, chairman of the Department of Agricultural Education, Economics and Rural Sociology at N.C. A & T State University in Greensboro. "It's a very good scientific analysis of socioeconomic conditions of a region

that has a significant number of people and yet has been neglected," he said.

The measure of poverty used in the Wimberly-Morris report is the same as that used by the Census Bureau: A single person under 65 and

living alone was considered poor if he or she had an annual income of less than \$6,451, while a family of four was considered poor if its income was less than \$12,675.

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NBC 4 SALUTES THE CLASS OF '97

New York, N.Y.—(April 28, 1997) NBC 4 will salute the Class of '97 with series of on-air tributes highlighting high school valedictorians from around the tri-state area. Beginning in June and running through the end of the summer, "News Channel 4" will profile this year's top students in a series of 30 second on-air cameos airing at various times throughout the broadcast day.

NBC 4 is calling for viewers to nominate valedictorians for the on-air salutes by submitting a letter listing the student's name, high school and reasons they think the student should be honored. In addition, a color photo of the student and a signed release form allowing the station to use the student's photo on-air, in the event they are selected, must also be submitted. "News Channel 4" will highlight as many valedictorians as possible throughout the summer.

Nominations can be sent to "NBC 4 Class Valedictorians," Room 67C, East 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112. Viewers can also tune in to "News Channel 4" for various news-casts for more information on nominating a student. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 23 and valedictorian photos will not be returned.

WORLD SHARE ANNOUNCES THE YES(YOUTH EFFORTS WITH SHARE) AWARD

WASHINGTON, N.J.—World SHARE and its US affiliates will be honoring the contributions young people in their communities with the World SHARE "YES" award, why the "YES" award? Because wonderful things begin with YES. "YES, I'll try" and "YES I did it." And since somewhere in between, there's an "I" in not sure "that is transformed into a "YES, I can." The award will be presented to young people (18 and under) who have performed outstanding volunteer service in their communities through regional SHARE programs and SHARE host sites.

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The winner and a chaperone will receive a trip to Washington, DC for the award presentation ceremony, spending money and a \$100 US Savings Bond. Three finalists will each receive a \$100 US Savings Bond. For more information, contact the SHARE main office at (201) 344-2400.

STABBED UNION CITY MAN ACCUSES IMAGINARY ASSAILANT TO PROTECT WIFE

UNION CITY, N.J. (AP)—Police said a Union City man who was stabbed in the back fatally describing his attacker as a black man to keep his common-law wife from being arrested for the crime.

Carlos Malacra, 33, was found lying on the steps of a church May 4 afternoon. The Jersey Journal reported for Wednesday's editions. He had been stabbed in the lower back and taken to Jersey City Medical Center, where he remained in stable condition after emergency surgery, hospital staff said.

Malacra told police his attacker was a black man who approached him as he was entering his apartment and stabbed him in a robbery attempt, police said. He said the assailant ran away with his wallet and the knife.

When they arrived at the building where Malacra said he lived, residents said he actually lived a few floors down. Detectives found the door of that apartment open, with pools of blood on the floor and a bloody steak knife under a crib.

Police could not find Malacra's wife, Susan Hernandez, 31, or their 13-month-old baby on Monday, and Hernandez insisted that a black man had attacked him when he was questioned again Monday night.

The said Hernandez was arrested on Tuesday when authorities returned to the building and found her. Malacra then said she had attacked him, but refused to cooperate with investigators.

Hernandez faces charges of aggravated assault and weapons possession.

Paterson officer suspended for decade-old racial remark

PATERSON (AP)—A Paterson police captain under investigation for using a racial slur has been suspended indefinitely after his superiors received a tape that recorded him using epithets on the job at least seven years ago.

Capt. Richard Healy, a 34-year veteran of the department, was suspended after Councilman Ernest Hutchinson turned the tape over to police for review. The New Jersey Herald & News reported.

The recording was made prior to Dec. 1, 1989, said Public Safety Director William Dolan. At the time, Healy was commander of the department's communication division. The conversation on the tape is a discussion between Healy and a dispatcher on how to disperse a crowd of people, Dolan said.

Dolan said the slurs targeted "about 75 percent of the city of Paterson, Latinos and African-Americans." He said Healy used the "N-word" and the "S-word" on the tape.

Healy and his lawyer were not

available for comment.

Hutchinson said he had no idea where the tape originated.

"It (the tape) was in my mailbox on Saturday," he said. "I brought it to the attention of the mayor and public safety director. ... Maybe someone was holding onto it until something happened."

Hutchinson said he was prepared to turn the tape over to the press if the department took no action.

Healy is also under investigation for a March 5 incident in which he allegedly used a racial slur when referring to Mayor Martin G. Barnes and scuffled with Peter Baldini, director of the city's community improvements department, at the Bonfire Restaurant.

Sources said last week that Healy has refused to talk to anyone in the administration about the incident, which may have stalled the investigation. The fight allegedly started when Healy criticized Baldini, a longtime friend, for attending a birthday party for Barnes.

Barnes did not return phone calls for comment on the issues.

Dolan said the recent incident may

have convinced someone to come forward with the tape.

"The incident with Mr. Baldini brought this tape to light," he said. "But this does not reflect the character of the rest of the police department."

Police Chief Vincent Amoresano said he was disturbed it took so long for the tape to surface.

"What's more appalling is that someone in this building knew about the tape and did not take action. I plan to launch a full-scale investigation," said Amoresano, who has not listened to the tape.

He said he is considering drafting new directives regarding the use of racially insensitive language within the department. He also said that the suspension, while not easy, was the right thing to do.

"I hate to see anyone go down like this, especially a friend," Amoresano said.

A departmental hearing about Healy's suspension has been scheduled for May 15.

Prayer breakfast attracts variety of women

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

Darlene McWilliams, wife of mayoral hopeful and councilman Al McWilliams, hosted a prayer breakfast at her home Saturday. It was a part of McWilliams campaign for mayor, and it brought women from different races and faiths to pray for the city.

"We are the keepers of the village," Mrs. McWilliams said during the breakfast. "We put in a lot of effort and cannot afford to come back empty."

Each of the 100-plus women wrote a prayer that will be distributed to all the churches to lift up on Mother's Day. Among the prayers were for a cleaner city, good leadership, and for better transportation for senior citizens.



Darlene McWilliams with daughter leads Prayer Breakfast at her home. McWilliams' children were also there and his four-year-old son Adam prayed for a nice place to play for him and his friends. The women agreed to continue meeting like this after the election. As

Mayoral hopeful announces slate for June 3 primary

EAST ORANGE—Robert L. "Bob" Dowser, a civil engineer and businessman seeking the Democratic nomination for Mayor of East Orange in the June 3 primary, announced his slate of candidates today. The Dowser team totals eleven people including, five Council candidates. Among the Council candidates is an incumbent and a former Councilwoman. The Dowser team also includes a candidate for County Sheriff, a candidate for the State Assembly to represent the 27th District, and four candidates for the State Democratic Committee.

"I have made every effort to carefully select a team of very capable, experienced, qualified individuals who are committed to rebuilding East Orange," Dowser stated.

"These are individuals who I know will serve with dignity and put the interests of the residents of East Orange first and who can hit the ground running to bring professionalism to their respective office or to the governing body," Dowser continued.

Among the candidates for the City Council are Nathaniel S. Carter, First Ward, Jacqueline "Jackie" Johnson, Second Ward, Quilla B. Talmadge, Third Ward, Zachary Turner, Fourth Ward and incumbent Councilwoman Carol Y. Clark, who represents the Fifth Ward. Cassandra Savoy is running for the State Assembly seat representing the 27th Legislative District, John "JJ" Jackson is running for County Sheriff, while Alberta E. Daniels, Jewelene Grimes, Jesse Jeffries and Nelson S. Maddox are running for seats on State Democratic Committee.

Nathaniel Carter, candidate for the First Ward Council seat is a Pharmacist and owner of the Ethical Prescription Service located on Central Avenue for more than 35 years. Jacqueline "Jackie" Johnson, Second Ward Council seat, is a community activist and was operations manager with the Essex County Division of Employment Training, Quilla Talmadge, candidate for the Third Ward council seat formerly served on the Council and served in the State Assembly representing the 27th Legislative District. Zachary Turner, a community activist and businessman is running for the Fourth Ward Council seat and incumbent Carol Clark is seeking reelection for the Fifth Ward Council seat.

Cassandra Savoy, an attorney in private practice in Montclair and a resident of East Orange, is challenging incumbent Leroy Jones for the State Assembly seat in the 27th Legislative district.

John I. "JJ" Jackson is challenging incumbent Amanda Fontana for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Essex County.

Alberta E. Daniels, a former Vice Chairperson of the Essex County Democratic Committee and Jewelene Grimes, a community activist, are running for a full-voting female seat on the State Democratic Committee, while Jesse Jeffries, a prominent East Orange Realtor and housing developer and Nelson S. Maddox, a former Councilman representing East Orange's Fourth Ward, are running for the full-voting male seats on the State Democratic Committee.

Newark Youth at the Presidents' Summit



Quilman School children create banners for President's summit

NEWARK—Newark Mayor Sharpe James and the Newark delegation to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future announced their Coordinated Organizational plan for Newark's Youth, during a press conference recently. The event was held at the headquarters of The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Children from the Quilman Street School who participate in Prudential tutoring and mentoring programs were on hand to create spirited banners for the delegates to bring to Philadelphia.

"The Newark delegation is looking forward to attending this event and presenting our commitments to achieve the Summit goals of turning the tide for at least 500,000 young people in the city of Newark by the year 2003," James said. "We're really well on the way, and anticipate expanding the work of our enterprise community by inviting every organization, institution, school, business, corporation and foundation to come forth and join us in weaving the web of our Coordinated Organizational Plan for Newark's Youth."

The Newark delegation to the Presidents' Summit for America's Fu-

ture includes Mayor James, Dave Barger (Continental Airlines), Dr. Beverly Hall Newark Public Schools, Vivian Lanza (The Volunteer Center), Don Mann (Prudential), Catherine McFadden (Victoria Foundation), Tony Peck (Community Agencies Corporation of New Jersey), Dennis Peters (Newark Do Something), Maria Vizzarondo-DeSoto (United Way), and Carolyn Wallace (International Youth Organization).

The Presidents' Summit on America's Future, held in Philadelphia from April 27 through April 29, brought together all of the living presidents, with former First Lady Nancy Reagan representing her husband, along with more than 2500 delegates representing 50 states and nearly 150 cities and towns.

Delegates, delivered to young people action plans around five objectives: resources with an ongoing relationship with a caring adult (mentor, tutor, coach); safe places and structured activities during non-school hours to learn and grow; a healthy start; a marketable skill through effective education; and an opportunity to give back through community service.

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Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

JERSEY CITY—Annual Business and Education Leadership Awards Dinner at Jersey City State College. For more information, call 201-200-3426.

FLEMINGTON—Business Expo '97 at Community Hall at St. Magdalen's. For more information, call 908-753-5855.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

NEW YORK—African Affairs' annual Awards Luncheon and Conference at Pitzer Inc. For more information 212-573-2385.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

READING, PA.—General Meeting of the Delaware Valley Minority Business Resource Council. Sponsored by GPU Energy. For more information, call 215-893-9977.

SOMERSET—2nd Annual Small Business Conference at the Somerset Marriott. For more information, call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

NEW YORK—Seminar, "Millennial Fever," sponsored by the Direct Marketing Association. For more information, call 212-768-7277, ext. 1686.

BRIDGEWATER—Forum, "Recover Those Lost Revenues!" at Jack O'Connors Quality Beef & Seafood Restaurant. For more information, call 908-704-0868.

ASK DR. CLARK

HAZARDOUS TOOTHBRUSHES

Q. Why is it advisable to replace toothbrushes regularly even if they show no signs of wear?

A. For health reasons, according to a University of Oklahoma study published in a dental journal. For one thing, the study found that people with oral inflammatory diseases experienced less symptoms when they changed toothbrushes frequently. A more serious finding: toothbrushes may harbor bacteria and viruses that can cause cardiovascular, respiratory and other diseases.

The researchers recommended that toothbrushes be replaced routinely every two weeks, more frequently by those who have severe oral or systemic diseases. Also, change toothbrushes at the onset of an illness, when improvement begins and when full recovery is attained.

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African-American females - taking the entrepreneurial plunge

By Pierre A. Clark

African-American women, are you ready to take the self-employment plunge? If so, you'll become part of a growing army of female entrepreneurs.

Some surveys estimate that by the year 2000, half of American businesses will be owned by women. The latest Census Bureau statistics say that women are starting businesses at a faster rate than any other population segment.

What's motivating this burst of entrepreneurial activity? It's clear most women starting businesses are driven by the classic entrepreneurial motivations: Desire to earn a high income and maximize the profit from a unique set of skills, to control one's destiny and to achieve freedom and variety.

African-American women, you have traditionally started businesses at a lower rate than any other ethnic group, but we're happy to say that trend seems to be reversing itself. A quick review of publications for African-American women indicates that more of them are publishing articles about entrepreneurship. I believe there's never been a better time for you to take the entrepreneurial plunge. There are some special self-employment opportunities you can tap as African-American females. Here are

some of the major ones:

SPECIAL START-UP LOAN/GRANT PROGRAMS. The Small Business Administration (SBA), Department of Commerce and most state economic development agencies have developed special programs to encourage African-American women to start businesses. These programs combine loan pools, seminars, workshops, and technical assistance specialists. Through your participation, you can develop a business plan, identify potential clients, and qualify for a start-up grant (up to \$5,000) or loan.

One key aspect of participating in these programs is that if you are a low-income or unemployed resident, you can qualify for financing you otherwise might not be able to obtain. You can use these programs to establish credit in your own name, this is particularly important if you've only had credit in your husband's name.

SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS. Nearly every town, city, county, state and federal agency designates that a percentage of its service contracts be reserved for women, the percentage is usually five percent to 20 percent, depending on the contract category. To be involved in the bidding process, you will typically have to register your enterprise as a women-owned business enterprise (WBE). For federal contracts, you register with the SBA's automated Procurement Assistance Selection System (PASS) or with the particular agency issuing the contracts

you are interested in pursuing. State, county and city agencies have their own application forms you need to complete for assistance you can contact the National Minority Supplier Procurement Council in your city. For information on these contracts and who is eligible to bid on them, go to the library and look up copies of two publications: The Federal Register and The Commerce Clearinghouse Daily. These publications will list EVERY federal appropriation and available contract offered by a federal agency, and contracting opportunities through many state agencies as well. You can also access this information via the Internet by logging onto <http://www.fedworld.gov>.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The Small Business Development Center Network, located in community colleges in each state and sponsored by the Small Business Administration,

provides technical assistance to African-American women - everything from helping with writing a business plan to designing a marketing strategy. You can also contact not-for-profit technical assistance providers funded by banks and foundations.

LOAN PACKAGING. In every state, there are dozens of business development agencies specifically targeting their resources to women entrepreneurs (in Illinois, the Women's Business Development Center is one such agency). These centers often manage loan pools or are partners with banks and can help you assemble the kind of financial package that will impress lenders.

Look in the Yellow Pages under "Business Development Centers" or "Business Consultants" for information on the centers in your area.

Here are five (5) success strategies you can benefit from as a new

entrepreneur: (1) Start small-focus on becoming the best provider of one great product or service. (2) Minimize your overhead costs (rent, phone, office supplies), because you can't make money if you're spending all of it. (3) Register your business legally - it costs less than \$100 in most states and qualifies you for potentially millions in contracts. (4) Reinvest your profits in capitalizing and promoting your business. (5) Make it a habit to collect at least 50 percent down payment from every client - the one mistake most entrepreneurs make is not charging enough and failing to collect their fees.

Being an entrepreneur offers challenges, but we think the opportunities and benefits far outweigh them. Welcome to the entrepreneurial ranks, we know you'll find the experience rewarding.

SBA approves \$151 million in loans to New Jersey small business

Average SBA Loan for NJ Small Business Owner is \$228,096

NEWARK—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) New Jersey District Office approved 662 loans for \$151 million to New Jersey small businesses during the first six months of the agency's fiscal year 1997 (the period of October 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997) it was reported today.

According to Francisco A. Marrero, SBA New Jersey district director, the agency's \$151 million in loans to New Jersey small businesses marked a 35 percent increase over last year's dollar amount of \$112 million for the same time period. The average SBA loan received by a New Jersey small business owner in the first six months of 1997 was \$228,096. In comparison to the first six months of fiscal year 1996, the average SBA loan was \$173,106.

Marrero also noted that the 662 loans his office approved was a slightly

approved during the first six months of fiscal year '96.

SBA Services are available to all persons without regard to Race, Color or Religion.

"Each year my goal is to surpass the number of loans I approved the previous year," said Marrero. "We are in a position to do that once again in New Jersey and I will make certain that we do everything we possibly can to make it happen."

According to Marrero, the number of loans to minorities is up by 5 percent. However, a trend concerning Marrero during the first six months of this fiscal year is that SBA lending to African Americans is down 28.5 percent and lending to Hispanic Americans is down 25.5 percent. Thus far African Americans have received 35 loans for \$4.2 million and Hispanic Americans have received 32 loans for \$5.0 million. In comparison to the first six months of fiscal year '96 African Americans received \$1.6 million in SBA loans and Hispanic Americans received \$1.6 million.

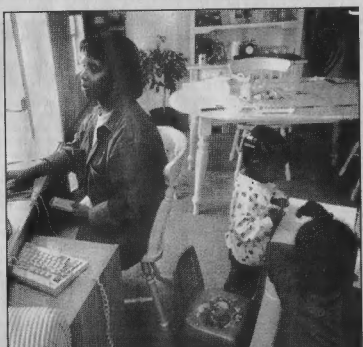
AT&T targets home-based businesses, "Mompreneurs"

BASKING RIDGE—There is a new group of small business owners springing up across America called "Mompreneurs." Mompreneurs - nearly 10 million of them - are women with children who have embraced the concept of being their own boss. They are jumping into the small business ring, some of them even setting aside the demands of a full-time job, so they can spend more time with their kids while setting up home-based businesses.

According to work-at-home experts, Ellen H. Parlapiano and Patricia Cobe, authors of Mompreneurs, A Mother's Practical Step-by-Step Guide to Work at Home Success, this new breed of business owners is powerful and growing.

"Today's mompreneurs want more control of their time and more flexibility to be with their kids. Home-based businesses help many women achieve this," said Ellen Parlapiano. And, in an effort to assist in the growth of this unique category of home-based businesses, AT&T now offers a small business start-up program called AT&T Resources for New Business (RNB) Line of the most comprehensive small business programs in the market today.

"We're experiencing a boom in entrepreneurship in the home-based business by new market niches including mompreneurs," said AT&T Vice President, Small Business Markets Cliff



"Mompreneur" Sandra May-Key, a custom cake designer and president of Amazing Cakes, works on her computer as her daughters Hollis, 2, and Sinclair, 5, play. (Photo by Harlee Little)

Holtz. "Mompreneurs" attraction to our program reflects the reality of their already busy day and RNB's ability to relieve the additional burden of having to rear a business along with their full-time parenting job."

Parlapiano feels strongly that

mompreneurs need to rely on the best resources available that can help them balance their work and family. "AT&T's program is a perfect example of how small business can look to big business for that kind of help," she added.

Utility high exec dead of gunshot to head

By Claudia Coates
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP)—One of the brightest black executives in the business world, who resigned recently from his position at a utility company, has apparently killed himself with a gunshot to the head.

Darius L. Green, vice president of human resources for Duquesne Light Co., was found dead in his home Friday. She was 51.

Company executives told employees Thursday that Ms. Green was leaving at the end of the month. Duquesne spokeswoman Terri Glueck did not know if the resignation was voluntary. Business Week magazine in 1987 named Ms. Green as one of "50 Women to Watch," and Ebony and Dollars & Sense magazines once

placed her among the nation's top 100 black professionals.

She was known for her community work, chairing the board of the Urban League of Pittsburgh and serving on the Youth Crime Prevention Council of Allegheny County, the Phelps Conservatory Board and the board of Mount Ararat Baptist Church.

"The community is losing a leader with all capital letters," said Esther L. Bush, the Pittsburgh Urban League's president. "Her strength blended in with the kind of love that she exuded."

Ms. Bush declined to talk about Ms. Green's personal life. Colleagues said she kept quiet about it.

Janet Hunt, who lives on the same well-to-do street as Ms. Green, said she lived alone.

Ms. Green was very successful. She was very well respected, but did not seek out conversation, merely waving

hello.

Nobody answered the door at Ms. Green's house, a large, two-story brick building with a small, landscaped back yard.

In 1990, she retooled the company's pension plan. In 1995, Duquesne Light paid more than \$1 million to settle a lawsuit by 150 employees who said they lost benefits under the new plan. U.S. District Judge Gustave Diamond wrote in a legal opinion that Ms. Green ignored legal advice and abused her discretion when she changed the plan.

She was scheduled to speak May 16 at Carlow College in Pittsburgh to a national seminar for female business leaders.

Ken Suchan, deputy supervisor at the Office of the Coroner, said Ms. Green died of a bullet wound in the head, apparently self-inflicted.

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THURSDAY, MAY 8

NEW YORK—Larry McCray at Manny's Car Wash. For more information, call 212-369-BLUES.

SUMMIT—Actress and playwright Anna Deavers Smith is giving a program at Kari Place School. For more information, call 808-273-0800, ext. 244.

BRANCHBURG—Student Jazz Ensemble at the Welpe Theatre of Raritan Valley Community College. For more information, call 908-725-3420.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

NEW YORK—The Sandra Wright Band at Manny's Car Wash. For more information, call 212-369-BLUES.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Symphony Orchestra at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church. For more information, call 908-561-5140.

RAHWAY—Theater, "Wiley and the Hairy Man" classic folk tale from America, at the Union County Arts Center. For more information, call 908-499-8226.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

PRINCETON—New Jersey Youth Orchestra and the Dunellen High School Choir and Alumni Choir performing a joint concert at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium. For more information, call 908-771-5544.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

ENGLEWOOD—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with Faye Robinson, soprano at the John Harms Theater. For more information, call 201-684-3713 or 9-BLUES.

NEW BRUNSWICK—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra with Faye Robinson, soprano at the State Theater. For more information, call 201-684-3713.

SAMMY DAVIS JR. ESTATE REACHES SETTLEMENT WITHIRS

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The widow of Sammy Davis Jr. has reached a settlement with the Internal Revenue Service, putting to rest a dispute over \$7 million in tax liabilities against the entertainer's estate.

"Sammy was a fighter," Altovise Davis said in a statement Friday. "I know he would have wanted us to reach a settlement with the government rather than declare bankruptcy. He loved this country and the people in it and recognized his responsibilities as an American."

Details of the settlement were not disclosed. Much of the liability flowed from a coal tax shelter that was disallowed in the 1980s, Mrs. Davis said.

A charter member of Frank Sinatra's "Rat Pack," Davis died at his Beverly Hills home on May 16, 1990, of throat cancer at age 64.

Davis, an actor, singer, dancer and impressionist, was a star on stage, on television, in the recording industry and in the movies.

Catching up with Melvin Van Peebles

Twenty-five years ago, writer/director/actor Melvin Van Peebles made film history with the release of his controversial, independent feature "Sweet Sweetback's Baad Asses Song." The film was not his first, but it was the one that placed him at the forefront of the independent film movement. Van Peebles is credited with what later became known as the decade of Black Exploitation or blaxploitation films.

Today's Black filmmakers continue to credit Van Peebles' breakthroughs in cinema techniques and his brush approach to controversial subject matters, which opened up Hollywood to talented Black artists. Three of Van Peebles' earlier films, "Story of a Three Day Pass," "Don't Play Us Cheap" and "Sweet Sweetback's Baad Asses Song," are now available in a three-pack set.

"Sweet Sweetback" tells the story of a pimp on the run. The film was made for \$500,000 and grossed over \$10 million! His film "Story of a Three Day Pass," was made in France and tells the story of a Black GI stationed in Europe who decides to take his white girlfriend on a weekend holiday, despite the disapproval of his superior officer. "Don't Play Us Cheap" was originally one of Van Peebles' Broadway productions, which he later adapted to film. But the movie has never been distributed.

The Scoop recently talked with the legendary filmmaker about his varied, interesting and exciting career. Scoop: tell me about the special release of your three-movie pack.

Van Peebles: Each one of these films has been very special to me. "The Story of a Three Day Pass" was shot in France. I later came to the San Francisco Film Festival in 1967 with this film. I was the French delegate to the film festival. The film won the Critic's Choice Award from the festival. What this did was really embarrass Hollywood because during that time they had no minority filmmakers. So, this kind of forced Hollywood to counteract and also get a Black film director. This was the first dent made into breaking down those Hollywood barriers.

Scoop: had you previously tried to break into Hollywood as a director?

Van Peebles: Yes, 10 years earlier I tried. I had some short films which I showed them. They in turn offered me a job as an elevator operator. I wanted to get to the top in the film business, but not as an elevator operator! Anyway, I went on to do "Watermelon Man" for Columbia Studios, with a three-picture deal. But I still wasn't satisfied. I still hadn't made the kind of film that I really wanted to, until I made "Sweetback," which I had to make independently.

Scoop: how did you manage to maintain so much control of the "Sweetback" film?

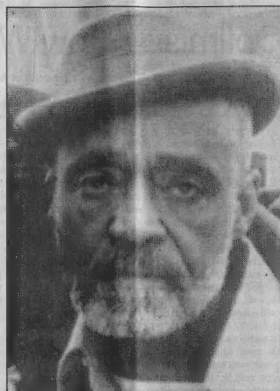
Van Peebles: Many people told me that I was very astute for keeping control of that movie. But what they don't know is that I was begging people to chip in with me but nobody would do it, so that's why I own everything. The third movie in this three-film package release is called "Don't Play Us Cheap," which I did after "Sweetback." This was originally a Broadway play.

Scoop: the character in the "sweetback" movie has a very strong black male image. What do you think about the black man's image in today's movies?

Van Peebles: That's something that I never discuss. I prefer to express my opinions through my work—such as the films I've worked on like "Panther" or "Gang In Blue."

Scoop: has a lot really changed for black filmmakers since you began doing independent films?

Van Peebles: In some slight ways yes and in some ways it's changed tremendously. When "Sweetback" became such a big hit, Hollywood wanted to immediately cash in on it. The movie became the largest grossing independent film during that time. So this caused them to have to use Blacks in creative positions who had the same sensitivity of the Black audiences. Even though "Sweetback" wasn't a "blaxploitation" film, it did spawn the whole so-called blaxploitation film



movement.

Scoop: how did you feel about that term "blaxploitation"?

Van Peebles: I didn't really apply the term. It was a derogatory sense about it, which doesn't surprise me. As you know, everybody tries to keep us in our place on these various labels. The good news is that the blaxploitation years also spawned a huge infrastructure of Black writers, designers, producers, lighting people etc. to get jobs and the experience of working on films from which they had previously been barred.

Scoop: as well as know, Hollywood politics can be as bad as Washington politics. Is there any way an independent filmmaker can get around it?

Van Peebles: From time to time some get around it. For example, my movie "Don't Play Us Cheap" has never been released because they binned together and wouldn't give me a distribution deal. This was done in attempt to "kill me off" so to speak, financially.

Scoop: so, is there any way of getting a film distributed without going through Hollywood?

Van Peebles: Not that I know of. You see, we don't own enough theaters at this point, in order to make the money back. And then you have to consider that if we had our own theater chains, we wouldn't have enough products of our own to distribute through these theaters on a full-time basis. Plus, there would be the possibility that some in Hollywood may or may not make their films available to Black theater owners to help keep them open.

Scoop: what did you think about Jesse Jackson's boycott of last year's Oscars?

Van Peebles: I never discuss those kind of things. My job as a filmmaker is not to discuss politics, sociology and such. I have my own private views about certain things but they're private and I just don't share them.

Scoop: what advice would you give an aspiring filmmaker?

Van Peebles: It's so much, but I think the best thing is to have a good positive attitude and be persistent. You gotta be in it, to win it.

Scoop: should aspiring filmmakers go to film school?

Van Peebles: I have no idea about that because I never went to film school. With me, I just got tired of seeing Blacks in films burning, carrying Bibles, the whole stereotype. I said to myself, "I-I-I know I can make films better than that" and I did. I knew absolutely nothing about filmmaking at all. I just knew that I was tired of seeing my people in those kind of roles. I mean the great Rosa Parks knew that she was tired that day on the bus. Sometimes you get to a point when enough is enough and you have to take action yourself.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

TV

The season finale for 'Living Single'

Living Married—The season finale of *Living Single* features the much-anticipated wedding of Overton Wakefield Jones and Synclaira James (John Henton and Kim Coles). Queen Latifah (who plays Khadijah James) and T.C. Carson (who plays Kyle Barker) perform and original wedding ballad *Living Single*. "Never Can Say Goodbye" airs Thursday, on Fox, WNYW Channel 5.

Gladys Knight stars on the 'Jamie Foxx Show'

Gladys Knight Guest Stars—While visiting, Jamie's (Jamie Foxx) mother (singer Gladys Knight) promises to sing a duet with her son at a local fund raiser until a job offer forces her to choose between the two engagements in the "Save the Drama for my Mama" episode of the *Jamie Foxx Show*, which airs Wednesday, May 14 on the WB, WPIX Channel 11.



Celebrity Activists

Jesse Jackson, Sean Penn honored as death penalty foes

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—The Rev. Jesse Jackson, "Dead Man Walking" star Sean Penn and former California Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird were lauded for their work as death penalty foes.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth will leave us all blind and disfigured," Jackson told the Tuesday night audience at the Miramar Sheraton Hotel where Death Penalty Focus of California held its awards dinner.

Jackson was chosen because of his book "Legal Lynching: Racism, Injustice and the Death Penalty."

Penn was honored for his portrayal of a death row inmate in the movie "Dead Man Walking" and Bird was recognized for her dedication to preserving individual civil liberties.

"We are going to be in every church, every synagogue, every school. We will not have rapid and routine executions in this state," said actor Mike Farrell, president of the organization.

HARRY BELAFONTE RECEIVES FIRST HARLEM RENAISSANCE AWARD AT TRIBUTE PERFORMANCE



Harry Belafonte

Celebrated entertainer Harry Belafonte was honored with the first annual Aaron Davis Hall Harlem Renaissance Award at Aaron Davis Hall April 28, 1997. The event was hosted by Diham Carroll.

Performing as part of this spectacular evening was pianist Geri Allen, trumpeter Roy Hargrove, South African musical sensation Miriam Makeba, South African songstress Letta Mbuli, saxophonist Joshua Redman, drummers Max Roach and Lenny White and bassist Buster Williams.

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NOVITA HOPE PROGRAM

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Each proposal must include a self-sufficiency program component involving resident training, employment and education and the provision of support services.

Each proposal must also identify how partnerships would be proposed to be developed between the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson and for-profit or non-profit organizations experienced in the development and management of low and moderate income housing, and other programs. Partnerships with foundations, educational institutions, and other organizations and other government organizations are to be proposed and explained.

The proposal should have at least five years experience in the type of services requested by this Request for Proposals and must meet other qualifications set forth in the appropriate section of this Proposal.

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HORNE VI APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY HUD. HOWEVER, APPLICANTS SHOULD DESCRIBE PROPOSED STRUCTURES AND RELATIONSHIPS IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO DEMONSTRATE A LIKELY SUCCESSFUL REVITALIZATION PLAN IS FEASIBLE.

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A PREBID MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9, 1997, AT 10:00 AM AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICES LOCATED AT 60 VAN HOUTEN STREET, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY. PARTIES INTERESTED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS PREBID MEETING.

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May 1, 1997 - 9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Regular Meeting
May 5, 1997 - 9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Monthly Board Meeting
May 12, 1997 - 9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Monthly Board Meeting
May 19, 1997 - 9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Monthly Board Meeting
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between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will more fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposals must be sent to: Mr. Michael J. Pappas, Municipal Engineer, 100 Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

Please mark the envelope "Proposal for Fee Accounting Services". Deadline for Proposals is May 6, 1997. No Proposals will be considered after that date.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

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Attorneys submitting proposals to the RFP must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from HUD.

Parties interested in submitting a proposal to respond to the RFP should contact the office at 908-721-5600. Ext. 5610 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will more fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposals must be sent to: Mr. Curtis J. Johnson, RPA, Executive Director, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

Please mark the envelope "Proposal for Legal Services". Deadline for Proposals is May 9, 1997. No Proposals will be considered after that date.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
57 SUSSEX AVENUE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07103**

INVITATION FOR BIDS BUS EXCURSIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS I.F.B. NO. 97-B1149/1

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK will accept sealed bids for Bus Excursions/Community Relations. At Various Prices at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
HANOLD LUCAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for Industrial Equipment.

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97-B11881 OUTRIGHT PURCHASE OF
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Lawsuit: Giuliani sought to 'destroy' Sharpton

By Michael Blood
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and his campaign have sought to "destroy" the Rev. Al Sharpton's reputation and the activist minister should be awarded millions of dollars in damages, a lawsuit filed Friday said.

A complaint in state Supreme Court in Manhattan alleges that Giuliani's campaign manager made slanderous accusations about Sharpton, undercutting his ability to raise campaign donations, earn a living and build support for his mayoral candidacy.

According to the lawsuit, Fran Reiter, a former deputy mayor, said in a Feb. 19 interview with the cable station New York 1 that Sharpton has "incited riots. He has engaged in criminal conduct and now he seeks to run for mayor."

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Sharpton, names Giuliani, Reiter and his campaign committee as defen-

dants. It accuses the mayor and his campaign of conspiring to ruin Sharpton and his reputation through defamatory statements, and asks the court to block the mayor and his campaign from making any similar accusations.

It asks for damages of at least \$6 million.

The defendants acted "with reckless disregard for the truth and with malicious intent to harm and destroy" Sharpton, the complaint said. Because of the remarks, Sharpton suffered "pain and mental anguish, scandal and dis-

grace."

The mayor's office had no comment on the lawsuit, said Christine Lategano, Giuliani's communications director.

Sharpton is one of four Democrats seeking the party's nomination to challenge Giuliani, a Republican, in November.

The two men have a history of friction. The suit alleges Giuliani has harassed and attempted to "go after" Sharpton at various times since the 1980s, dating to his days as a federal prosecutor.

Plainfield gets new rec team

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

PLAINFIELD—David Wynn has recently been appointed the city's new Recreation Superintendent, replacing Steve Jordan, who passed away in February. Joining him will be a new recreation team as well: Martin Cox, Elaine Todd, and Nancy Jordan, Steve Jordan's widow.

"With the group we have now, this is going to be the crowning jewel in City Hall," Wynn said. "This is going to shine."

Wynn, a longtime participant in city sports, has coached Little League Baseball and the Hubbard School Basketball team. He wants to take the

recreational program, in his words, "to the next level." He has already initiated three Women's programs that include golf, tennis and softball. An avid golfer himself, he is very excited about the golf program. "I talked about this well before Tiger (Woods)," he said. "We have a lot of black golfers in this town and we were in fact thinking of starting an association!"

The Summer Program will have ten or twelve selected activity sites along with a fishing derby and a dog Frisbee show.

Wynn also plans to infuse the recreation program with an educational program that will compliment the work the Recreation Team is doing. In the summer program, for ex-

ample, they are including a science program in which a group of high school and college students come to the program to teach the children about such areas as anatomy and animals. Education has been of a high importance to Wynn, who as a coach expected the same approach to learning from the members of the teams he coached. "The students on my team have nothing less than a B average," he said.

Mayor Mark Fury, who appointed Wynn has high hopes for the entire team. "Plainfield is expected to have an infusion of even more dynamism in our Recreation department," the Mayor said. "They are sure to be an asset to the city."

Oakland schools drop ebonics

OAKLAND, CA (AP)—The Oakland public schools African American Task Force has dropped all references to the word "ebonics" in a final report aimed at improving education for black students.

The district caused a national controversy four months ago when it suggested that ebonics, or black English, was a second language that is "genetically based."

The final report, obtained by The Oakland Tribune, still emphasizes improving black students' language skills. It also does not deny that black English exists.

But it makes absolutely no reference to the word ebonics, the Tribune reported Saturday.

There is also no reference to black students speaking a separate language. And provisions suggesting the district should pursue federal bilingual funding for black students—as it does for children who speak Spanish or Chinese—at home—have been deleted.

The U.S. Department of Education quickly dismissed the latter idea when it was issued in December.

Instead, the 17-page report calls for better language and reading programs, additional tests to measure the language skills of students who speak black English and expansion of the Standard English Proficiency program.

The task force says the district should aggressively recruit black teachers and offer help to black teachers who have not passed the state teaching exam.

The task force also recommends hiring a coordinator specifically to improve the education of black students and a budget of nearly \$2 million over five years to achieve the recommended goals.

The report—delayed for more than a month while Superintendent Carolyn Grutridge checked it over—will go to the school board for approval, starting in committees next week.

The work of the task force is an attempt to improve the dismal record of Oakland's black students.

While African American students represent 53 percent of the district, they make up 71 percent of special education classes, 37 percent of gifted classes and account for 80 percent of suspensions.

Grutridge refused to release the task force's unedited recommendations when they were completed in March and met behind closed doors with the task force to review changes she made to the report.

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